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LARRY DEAN

TELEGRAM, DOCTOR -

THE SANDMAN TAKES TO THE AIR - AND WITH THE HELP OF HIS FLYING BUDDIES STOPS A MADMAN'S MURDERING SPREE!!
THE SCENE OPENS IN WEALTHY, YOUNG DR. CLYDE DUNLAP'S NEW YORK OFFICE - - - - -

MISS EVANS! - CANCEL ALL OF MY ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS - ALL OF THEM!!

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THREE HOURS LATER, IN HIS POWERFUL SINGLE-SEATER PLANE, DUNLAP ROARS INTO THE SKY, AND TURNS WEST -

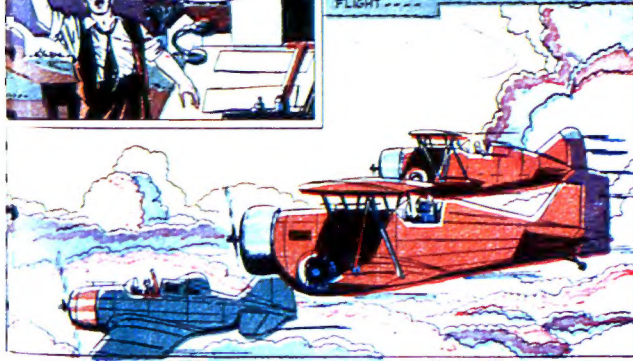


MEANWHILE, IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARTHUR O'SHEA LIKewise RECEIVES A TELEGRAM -

WHOOPEE!
A RENDEZVOUS!
LIKE OLD TIMES!!

TAKING OFF IN HIS SHIP, HE THUNDERS INTO THE NORTHWEST -

THE NEXT DAY AT 6:30 P.M. - 20,000 FEET UP - OVER WYOMING - LATITUDE $41^{\circ} 9' 25''$ - LONGITUDE $105^{\circ} 20' 6''$ - DUNLAP AND O'SHEA MEET, AND ARE JOINED BY A THIRD FLYER WHO LEADS THEM IN PRECISION FORMATION FLIGHT - - - -



SLEEPING THROUGH THE CLOUDS, THE TWO
CIRCLES AND LANDS IN A LONELY VALLEY--

WESLEY DODD!
YOU OLD SKY
HAWK!

HELLO, HAP!
AND, CLIFFER
!!

IT'S GOOD
TO SEE
YOU
AGAIN!

THE THREE HUNKYBOOM!
JUST AS GOOD AS IN OUR
NAVY DAYS, I'LL BET!

I HOPE SO, HAP--
WE MAY HAVE A
TOUGH NUT TO
CRACK!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
WES?

TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT,
BOYS - AFTER WE RIG
CAMP FOR THE NIGHT -

LATER

I SENT FOR YOU BECAUSE
THINK SOME OF OUR OLD CHUMS
ARE IN REAL DANGER - AND
DON'T KNOW IT -

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT FRANK -
FELL IN FRONT OF AN ELEVATOR TRAIN IN
CHICAGO - KILLED !!! - AND SNIP - FLYING IN
CANADA - PLANE DISAPPEARED !!! - AND
SWISHER - SUPPOSEDLY FORCED DOWN IN
THE CARIBBEAN SEA !!! - ALL IN THE LAST
FEW DAYS -

I DON'T THINK THOSE WERE ACCIDENTS!
REMEMBER SIX YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE
IN THE SERVICE? - FIVE BOYS IN OUR FLIGHT
PUT THE FINGER ON TESTER SNEED WHEN
MARK WAS KILLED - TESTER WAS SENT UP FOR
TEN YEARS ON A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE -
BUT HE SWORE HE WOULD SOMEDAY GET
THOSE FIVE BOYS!

SAY? - TESTER'S OUT
NOW! - RELEASED THREE
MONTHS AGO FOR GOOD
BEHAVIOR -

YES! - I BELIEVE
TESTER IS IN SOME
WAY RESPONSIBLE
FOR THOSE
ACCIDENTS!

YOU
THINK
...?

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE -
STEVE WEBER IS FLYING A TRANS-
FROM CHEYENNE TO OAKLAND - IF I'M
RIGHT, HE'S MARKED TO GO NEXT
TOMORROW !!

REVEALING HIS PLANS WEBLEY AND HIS FRIENDS WORK LATE INTO THE NIGHT, EQUIPPING THEIR SHIPS FOR TOMORROW'S EMERGENCIES -



USE THIS WATER PRINT TO COVER INSIGNIAS AND NUMERALS - NO ONE MUST RECOGNIZE US -

THE THREE MEN SLEEP BENEATH A WING OF ONE OF THE FIGHTERS TILL THE FIRST LIGHT OF DAY STREAKS THE EASTERN HORIZON -

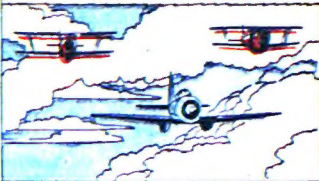


YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ARE FOR - YOU'VE HELPED ME BEFORE!

THREE SANDWEN ARE WE! - ONE FOR ALL, AND ALL FOR ONE - AND ALL FOR JUSTICE!!



SOON THEY ARE CRUISING NEAR CHEYENNE, OVER STEVE WEBBER'S AIR ROUTE - THEY KEEP IN CONSTANT INTER-CONTACT BY RADIO -



HERE HE COMES BOYS - DOWN AROUND 8000 FEET -



WE'LL CLIMB UP A FEW MORE THOUSAND TO TAIL HIM - DON'T WANT STEVIE TO SEE US -



FOR HOURS THE TWO KEEP VIGIL OVER STEVE - THEN, SOMEWHERE OVER NEIADA -



FOUR BI-PLANES FOLLOWING STEVIE! - MAY BE HARMLESS - WE'LL MANEUVER INTO THE SUN TO WATCH -

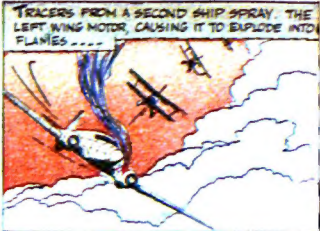
BUT THE FOUR SHIPS ARE LED BY TESTER, AND THEY IMMEDIATELY PROVE HOSTILE - TESTER'S SURPRISE BURST OF GUNFIRE PENETRATES THE PILOTS' COMPARTMENT, BREAKING INSTRUMENTS AND GLASS.....



As STEVE DIVES HIS CRIPPLED TRANSPORT, THE THREE SANDMEN SCREAM INTO THE FRAY.....



TRACERS FROM A SECOND SHIP SPRAY THE LEFT WING MOTOR, CAUSING IT TO EXPLODE INTO FLAMES.....



BRINGING THE BIG PLANE TO EARTH, STEVE EVACUATES ALL PASSENGERS BEFORE THE SHIP IS ENVELOPED BY FLAMES.....



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, STEVE?

THOSE THREE FIGHTERS HAD OUR SKINS!

LOOK!



WESLEY'S OPPONENT SUDDENLY LOSES CONTROL, FALLS INTO A SPIN, AND SHRIEKS EARTHWARD TRAILING SMOKE.....



CLIFFER SHATTERS HIS ENEMY'S WING ---



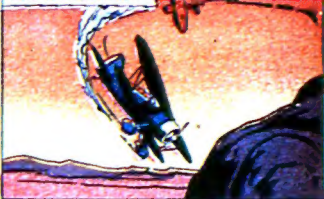
THE PILOT BAILS OUT ---



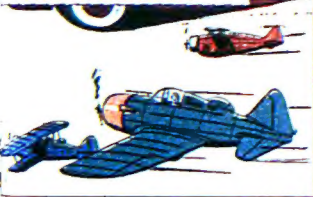
AND FLOATS TO EARTH, WHERE HE IS CAPTURED BY STEVE -



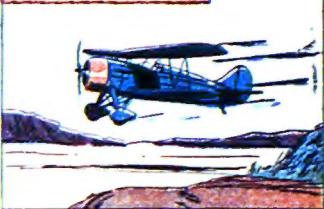
LOSING ALTITUDE, HAP'S ADVERSARY CRASHES INTO A MOUNTAIN -



ALONE, TEETER SNEED TRIES TO FLEE, BUT IS OVERTAKEN BY THE TWO ---



AND FORCED TO LAND ---

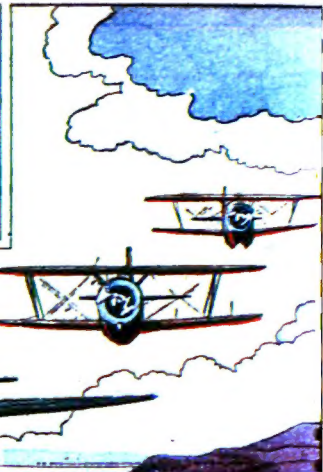
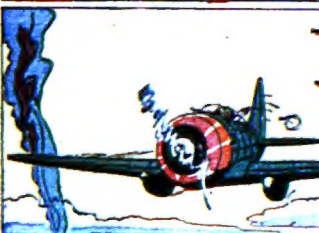


A STRANGE GAS BOMB RELEASED BY WESLEY COLLAPSES TEETER AS HE TRIES TO ESCAPE AMONG THE ROCKS -



IN A FEW MINUTES, WHEN THE GAS HAS CLEARED, STEVE'S PARTY FINDS SNEED -





Adventure Stamp Page

SCIENTISTS HONORED BY DANZIG

While nations argue over its ultimate fate with a contention bordering on warfare, the Free City of Danzig issues a stamp series honoring a group of men connected with the only war that is praiseworthy—war on disease. The set consists of three stamps, portraying Gregor Mendel, Robert Koch and Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen.

Mendel, who is pictured on the 10 gulden, brown value is the founder of the Mendel theory of heredity, which he evolved while breeding plants at a Moravian monastery. Mendel was born in 1822. He became a monk, and later an abbot, in the Augustinian monastery where he lived, carrying on his experiments, until his death in 1884. Accompanying his portrait on the new stamp is the inscription, "For healthy children and a happy future."

Robert Koch, appearing on the 15 gulden dark gray stamp was one of the first—and remains one of the greatest—of microbe hunters. His work carried him to many parts of the world on missions covering diseases of cattle as well as of man. Tuberculosis was one of his special fields of research, and his achievements in finding the cause and cure for the disease are honored on the new stamp, which is inscribed "Air and Sunshine for Tuberculosis." Undoubtedly one of the greatest bacteriologists the world has ever known, Koch was the recipient of many honors including the Nobel prize for medicine. He died in 1910 at the age of sixty-seven.

Lastly we come to Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, discoverer of X-rays, who is honored on the 25 gulden stamp, printed in dark green. The inscription on this stamp reads, "War against Cancer. Cancer is curable." Roentgen was born in 1845 and died in 1923. He received the Nobel prize for physics in 1901.

SCENES OF JAPAN

Continuing the promised series of nine national park sets, Japan presents the second release, consisting of four values. These stamps are equally as beautiful as their predecessors. The subjects are: Daisen Mountain in Central Japan on the 2 sen brown; Yashuma inlet on the 4 sen green; the Temple of Abuto on the 10 sen red and a view of Dannoura, an historic bay on the inland sea of Japan, on the 20 sen blue.

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Barry and Le Grand were sent to Tunisia to investigate espionage activities.... Barry disappeared... the inspector fell into hands of thugs who bound and put him in a plane to be dumped out at sea... as the plane took off, a figure grabbed the landing gear.

SOMETHIN'S SCREWY... AINT GOT NO LIFTIN' POWER... WE SHOULD CLIMB FASTER THAN THIS...

THE NATIVE MANAGING TO CLIMB ON THE WING, FIRES AT THE PILOT.

WITH A CRY OF ANGUISH THE PILOT CRUMPLES AS A SEARING BULLET CRASHES INTO HIS CHEST....

A SUDDEN ROLL OF THE UNCONTROLLED PLANE CATAPULTS THE PILOT OUT OF THE COCKPIT.

MINUS A PILOT THE PLANE SUDDENLY NOSES OVER INTO A DIVE... THE HELPLESS INSPECTOR EYES THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING SEA AND HIS DOOM..

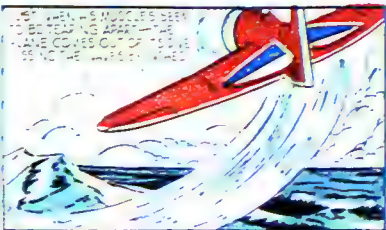
DESPISE THE
TERRIFIC
MOTION OF
THE PLANE.
THE NATIVE
GAINS THE
COCKPIT.



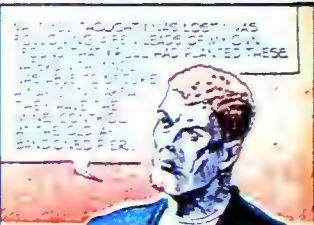
ACCOMPLISHING
THE
SEEMINGLY
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THE NATIVE
GRASPS THE
STICK AND
TAKES THE
PLANE INTO
A STEEP CLIMB.

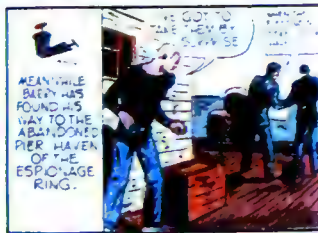
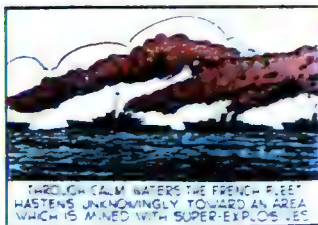
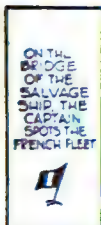


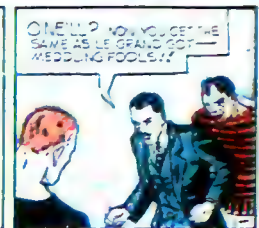
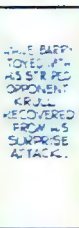
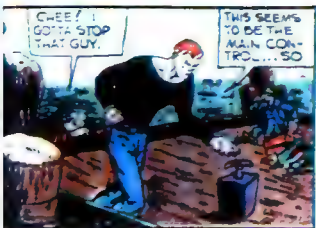
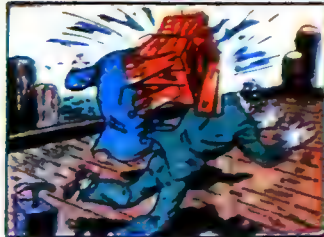
WHEN HIS SHOULDERS
BEGIN TO BE TEARING APART — HE
KNOWS HE HAS TO
LEAVE. HE COMES OUT OF THE
COCKPIT AND FALLS INTO THE
WATER.



SCORPION
FALLS INTO THE
WATER.







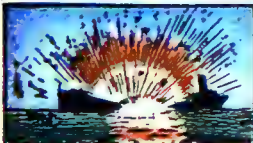
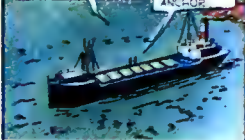
REARVIEW
ABOARD THE
SALVAGE
SHIP THE MEN
IMPATIENTLY
AWAIT
CECIL KRULL

WE GOTTA BE GETTIN'
OUT OF HERE ...
I WISH KRULL
WOULD HURRY!



I GOT A NASTY FEELIN'
SOMETHING HAS GONE
WRONG

FERGIT IT!
WE'LL SOON
BE WEIGHIN'
ANCHOR



AS BARRY SETS OFF THE FIRST OF THE
MINES, THE SALVAGE SHIP IS CAUGHT IN
THE TRAP SET FOR THE FRENCH FLEET

ABOARD THE
FRENCH FLEET
FLAG SHIP
THE UNEXPECTED
EXPLOSION
BRINGS A
FEELING OF
DISENTER

WHAT COULD
HAVE CAUSED
THAT?



ALL SHIPS ARE
DYING TO DIE!

VERY GOOD.
NOW TO FIND
OUT WHAT HAS
HAPPENED



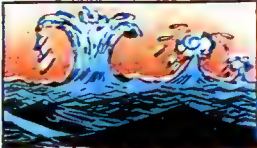
FEVER SHLY
THE SHIP'S
RADIO OPERATOR
TRIES TO
REACH THE
PORT
AUTHORITIES

BUT DOESN'T ANY
ONE THERE KNOW
WHAT THIS IS
ALL ABOUT??



STILL MORE
DISENTER
IS CAUSED BY
BARRY AS HE
SETS OFF THE
REMAINDER
OF THE
MINES

ACCORDING TO THE
CHART THIS SHIP SHOULD
EXPLODE THE REST



HUGE GEYSERS SURGE UPWARD AS
BARRY REMOVES THE PERILS FROM
THE PATH OF THE FRENCH FLEET.

?

FEDERAL MEN

by JEROME S. EGEL
WAYNE BORING

GIMME
THAT DOUGH!

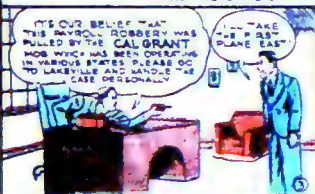
U-U-U-S-

HURRY
CALL!

THE 'ARME CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF LAKEVILLE CITY IS THE VICTIM OF A VICIOUS PAYROLL ROBBERY. LEAPING INTO THE GETAWAY-CAR THE BAND'S FLEE BEFORE AN ALARM CAN BE RAISED.



FEDERAL MEN HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON D.C.

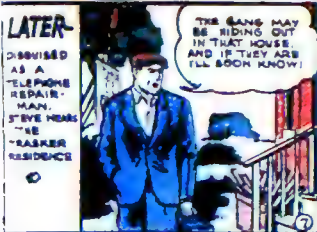


A SWIFT
MAINLINER
WINGS
RAPIDLY
THRU THE
CLOUDS
BRINGING
ACE G-MAN
STEVE
CARSON
TO THE
SCENE OF
ANOTHER
CRIME



UPON REACHING LAKEVILLE STEVE
QUESTIONS THE CLERK WHO HAD BEEN SHOT
BY THE GANGSTERS





JUST AS STEVE IS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE VICINITY HE SPOTS A FIGURE HANGING FROM THE TREES. HE KNOWS

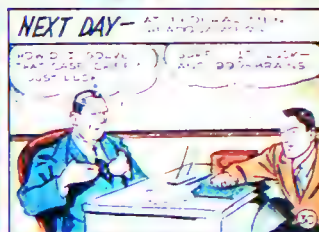
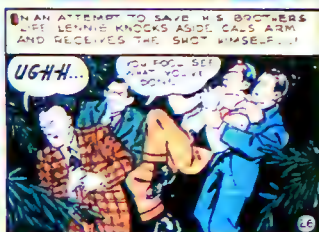


ZEKE LOOKS FURTIVELY ABOUT TO SEE IF HE IS OBSERVED



STARTING FROM COVER TO COVER, STEVE TRAILS HIS MAN!





JUNIOR FEDERAL MEN CLUB

Conducted By STEVE CARSON

HELLO again, Members!

This month I am going to tell you how a detective solved a murder case that was filled with "circumstantial" evidence, and how by sheer detective powers, a criminal was tried and convicted. In the event you are not aware what "circumstantial" evidence is, I want to tell you that it is testimony by witnesses which has to do with the circumstances that surround the crime, and not testimony directly dealing with the crime itself.

Two brothers were born in Italy. One of them came to this country and began to save his money. The younger heard from him, of how well he was doing and came over to America and began looking for him.

Not finding him, the younger brother went to work in New Jersey. There he formed the friendship of a man whom we shall call Pello. This Pello knew of the younger brother's search for his supposedly "wealthy" brother, and so plotted that the

younger brother and he were to go to Yonkers, New York, to meet the wealthy brother whom Pello had "located."

While they were crossing Central Park in New York to get a train to Yonkers, they passed a gardener who gave one of them—Pello—a light with a match for his cigarette. An hour later this gardener found the body of the younger brother dead under some bushes in Central Park.

The famous "Peter," as we shall call him, was called in by the Police Department and assigned to the case.

He was their crack detective, and he immediately went about solving this mystery in true scientific fashion. First he began his "dossier" by collecting all the known facts about the dead man and his brother. He learned that the younger brother had been receiving letters from his older brother from Yonkers, supposedly, and that the older brother had been asking the younger for money.

The detective then called upon Pello, who was the last person to have been seen with the murdered man. When Pello learned the reason for the visit he boastfully gave samples of his handwriting to the detective—which, when analyzed, was the same as the handwriting of the murdered man's brother.

This was sufficient for the detective. But to make doubly sure, he went to the New Jersey post office of the town where Pello lived and there uncovered the fact that Pello had been in the habit of mailing letters to the murdered man from the New Jersey post-office instead of from Yonkers. The fact that the dead man could not read helped Pello, who would read these letters to the murdered man and tell him they came from Yonkers.

Moreover, the day before the murder, the younger brother had taken all his money (about \$300) from a New Jersey bank to give to his brother. Inasmuch as no money was found on the dead man, the motive indicated was robbery.

When the detective confronted Pello with these facts at the trial, he broke down and confessed the crime. The detective had made out such a strong case of circumstantial evidence that Pello realized how futile it would be to deny his guilt.

Remember, members, that circumstantial evidence is sufficient to convict. It is that evidence which points to motive, opportunity and method, and when your evidence covers all three of these points it is very strong.

See you in another month with more examples of "real life" detection! Write in to me and tell me if you like them, and if they teach you anything!

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Name Age

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City and State

SPORTETTES

By **Sheldon MOLDOFF**

3 FIGHTERS WON THE
WELTERWEIGHT TITLE,
LOST IT, AND RECOVERED
IT.— **BILLY SMITH, FEARUS
LEWIS, BRITTON, FIELDS,
THOMPSON, McLARNIN
AND BARNEY**

-ROSS-

MIKEY

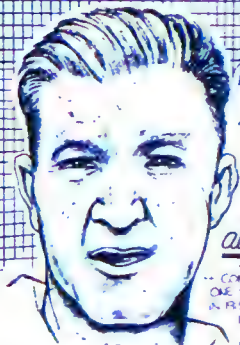
CARDINAL
CATCHER
PLAYED SEMI-
PRO BALL
WHEN HE
WAS ONLY 14.



TAMM FIGG

... DEFEATED
RED GUTTOR
WITH A KICK TO
... IN THE FIRST BOX
AT CHAMBERS
MD (1927)

I'LL
BREAK
HIM
IN TWO



**GROVER
Alexander**

... PITCHED
... CONSECUTIVE
ONE 1ST GAMES
IN 1935 WHEN HE
PLAYED
FOR
PHILADELPHIA

JACK WOODS



STOMP MCHENEY'S BOY, SPECK, IS HELD BY SLASH MARLIN'S OUTLAWS. STOMP WAS INSTRUCTED TO PLAY A CERTAIN TUNE AS A TIP OFF TO THE OUTLAWS, WHO ARE RAIDING THE BANK — IF HE FAILS, SPECK WILL BE KILLED. JACK IS HELPING STOMP TO OUTWIT THE BANDITS —

JIM CHAMBERS

JACK FOLLOWS MIGUEL, THE BANDIT LOOKOUT, INTO THE FRONT OF THE DESERTED STORE



JACK STRUGGLES SILENTLY WITH THE OUTLAW



BY GUM, HERE COMES THAT MEX! HE MUSTA GOT THE BEST OF JACK



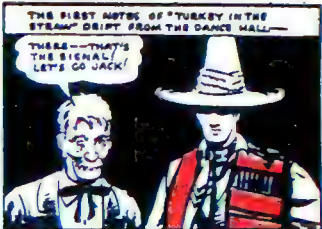
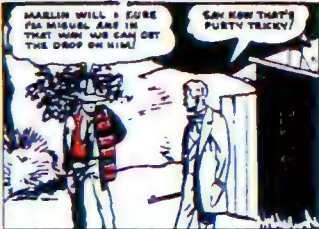
W'IST THOSE HANDS, YOU SNEAKIN' MEX! YOU DONE UP MY FRIEND WOODS AN' NOW YOU'RE GONNA PAY!



WHESA, DADD, I'M NOT EXACTLY 'DONE UP' AS YOU PUT IT! BUT YOU OUGHT TO SEE MIGUEL!

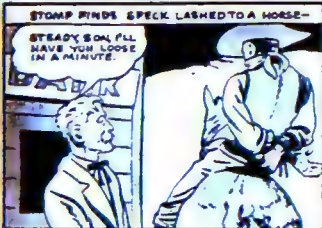
WIAL, I'LL BE DANCED — NEVER KNOWNED YER JACK! NOW COME, THE MEX OUTFIT!





STOMP FINDS SPECK LASHED TO A HORSE—

STEADY SON, I'LL
HAVE YUH LOOSE
IN A MINUTE.



HEY, HERE'S
MIGUEL. COME
AN' LOOK AT
THIS LOOT, MEX.

RECK, YOU
HOMBRES OR
I'LL DRILL YUH!

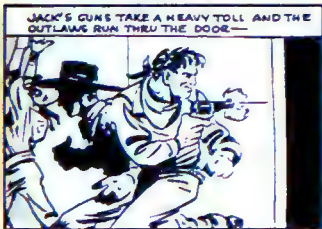


DISCOVERING THEIR MISTAKE, THE OUTLAWS OPEN FIRE ON JACK—

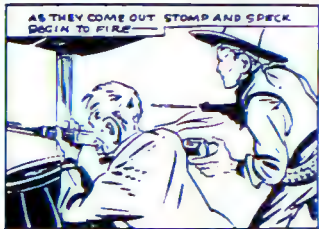
WHY YOU—!



JACK'S GUNS TAKE A HEAVY TOLL AND THE
OUTLAWS RUN THRU THE DOOR—



AS THEY COME OUT STOMP AND SPECK
BEGIN TO FIRE—

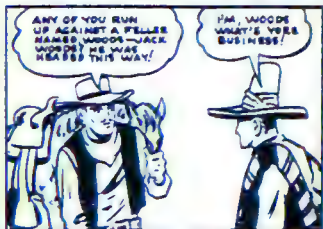
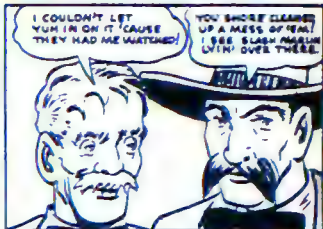
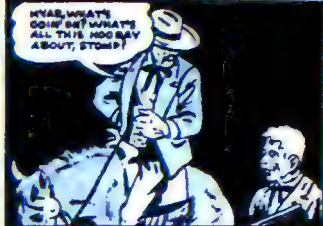
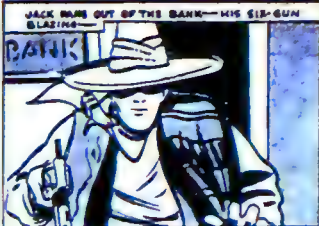


ONE OF THE BANDITS, CLUTCHING THE
SACK OF MONEY, LEAPS TO HIS HORSE—



SPECK WINGS HIM BEFORE HE GETS
FAR—



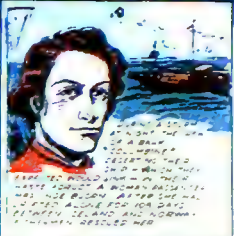


ADVENTUREvents



**AWAKENED BY 500-POUND
MAN-EATING TIGER READY
TO ATTACK HIM !!**

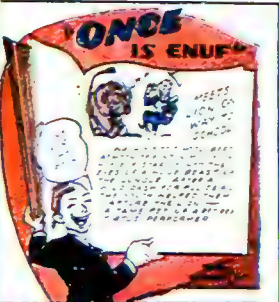
WHILE ON A TRIP INTO
INDO-CHINA, HAROLD
MC CRACKEN, NOTED HUNTER,
WAS ON THE TRAIL OF A HUGE
TIGER THAT HAD KILLED TWO
NATIVES WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
WHILE ASLEEP MC CRACKEN WAS
AWAKENED. A SLIGHT RUSTLE
OF LEAVES WARNED HIM OF THE
BEAST'S STEALTHY APPROACH!
HE GRABBED HIS GUN AND
WHIRLED TO FACE THE MAN-EATER
ABOUT 10 FEET AWAY. CRACKEN!
THE TIGER TURNED IN HIS PAD AND
FELL WITHIN A FOOT OF THE
HUNTER!



WENT A SHIP
AT NIGHT THE
OF A BARK
COLLISION
DISTRESS
WAS SENT
WAS RESCUED
A WOMAN
HAD BEEN
ALONE FOR
DAYS
AND NORMAN
RESCUED HER



**PICKING A HANDKERCHIEF
OFF THE GROUND WITH AN AIRPLANE.**
SWIMMING ALONG AT THE SPEED
OF 100 MILES AN HOUR
OF ALL SPEEDS!



**ONCE
IS ENOUGH**



MEETS ON
WAY TO
SEARCH



**ADVENTURER
TRAVELING
ALONE, RODE A
HORSE FROM
BUENOS AIRES
TO WASHINGTON!**

AFTER FLYING
ADVENTURE
THERE 3,000
MILES ON HORSE
BACK IN 25 DAYS

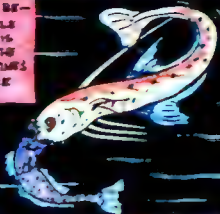
THE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY OVER 16,000 MILES
MOUNTAIN RANGES, INTO STEAMING JUNGLES, AND OVER
SUN-BAYED DESERTS LED TSCH FLEY THROUGH 22 AMERICAN
REPUBLICS! ALONG THE DANGEROUS TRAILS
THE G. G. TROTTER EXPERIENCED MANY "HELLS"
ESCAPES FROM DEATH.

IN COSTA RICAN JUNGLE, TSCH FLEY NEARLY
ESCAPED THE JAWS OF A HUGE CROCODILE! HE
FINISHED HIS TRIP FROM PATAGONIA TO THE
POTOMAC IN THE FALL OF 1927!

STUBBLY FISH MAN -
LOOKS BAD FOR THE
LITTLE FELLOW!



WELL, I'LL BE -
THE LITTLE
FELLOW IS
EATING THE
ONE 3 TIMES
HIS SIZE



AND STRANGELY
ENOUGH IT'S TRUE
-THE "BLACK
SWALLOWER"
OWNS ONLY WITH
ITS TINY BODY
DISTENDED
AND THE BIGGER
FISH IS NOWHERE
TO BE SEEN!!

WHERE SHE?
YOU
GUESSED
IT!



THE KING
OF BEASTS
HAS AN EXTRA
CLAW - OPEN
TOE - SET AT
THE END OF
-P-5-A

FANTASTIC-FACTS

By GEF

MESSAGES
CAN BE SENT
ACROSS THE
OCEAN IN A LITTLE
OVER AN
HOUR BY
AIR CABLE
DRUMS



TREE
AT
TOMAH,
WASH.

A PERFECTLY HEALTHY
TREE WITH ITS TRUNK
TIED IN A KNOT



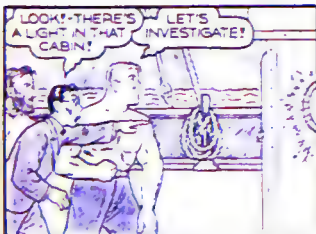
WOMEN OF LEBE-EDU
AFRICA WALK LONG SHIPS
- TO ERASE THEIR
FOOTPRINTS WHEN
WALKING THRU THE
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DESERT

SOCKO STRONG

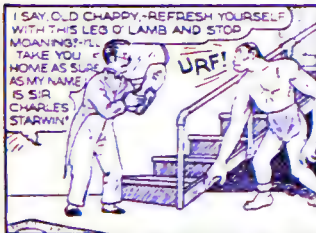
SOCKO, JERRY, AND SEDBURN
ESCAPE FROM BLOODTHIRSTY
SAVAGES AND CLAMBER ABOARD
A STRANGE-LOOKING CRAFT,
"THE FLYING DUTCHMAN."



by KOPPY



-LOOKING THROUGH THE PORTHOLE OUR
FRIENDS BEHOLD A SCENE THAT MAKES
THEIR BLOOD RUN COLD WITH HORROR
AND AMAZEMENT!-**THEY SEE---**



YOU CHAPPIES MUST EXCUSE BENNIE'S TABLE MANNERS!
-YOU SEE, BENNIE IS A REAL PRE-HISTORIC MAN DATING

BACK THREE
MILLION
YEARS*

IMPOSSIBLE!

URF!

YOU SEEM SKEPTICAL? -VERY WELL-
I WILL EXPLAIN---

THE
SCIENTIST
THEN
UNFOLDS
AN
AMAZING
TALE---

"SOME YEARS AGO I
BECAME CONVINCED THAT
SOMEWHERE PRE-HISTORIC
MAN EXISTS, UNCHANGED
BY THE PASSING OF TIME--"

IDEA!

"I HAD THE
FLYING DUTCH-
MAN BUILT TO
LOOK LIKE THE
FAMOUS PHANTOM
SHIP SO THAT
OTHER VESSELS
WOULD AVOID
ME AND
LEAVE ME
UNMOLESTED
IN MY SEARCH
FOR ABORIGINAL
LIFE--"

BUILD MY SHIP TO
LOOK LIKE THE
FLYING DUTCHMAN!

"AFTER
A LONG
SEARCH, I
DISCOVERED
AN ISLAND
UNRECORDED
ON THE
MAPS.
THERE
MY QUEST
ENDED."

AAH-AAH
AB-ORIGINAL
MAN!

URF!

"I SPENT
MONTHS
STUDYING
PRE-
HISTORIC
LIFE
HERE
BEFORE
SETTING
SAIL
FOR HOME--"

ON THE
WAY HOME
AT BUENA
VISTA I
DISCOVERED
THAT MY
CREW HAD
KIDNAPPED
A PRE-
HISTORIC
MAN TO
SELL TO A
MUSEUM.

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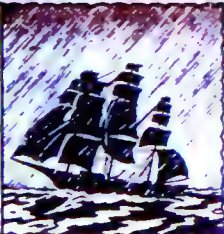
"AFTER AN ARGUMENT MY CREW DESERTED REFUSING TO TAKE BENNIE BACK TO HIS ISLAND HOME..."

WE WON'T TAKE BENNIE BACK!

AN' FOTHER MORE WE QUIT!



"BEFORE I COULD HIRE A NEW CREW, A STORM DROVE ME TO THESE WATERS..."



"--AND THAT GENTLEMEN, IS MY STORY! -I PLAN TO RETURN AT ONCE TO THIS ISLAND BUT I STILL NEED A CREW--"

I'LL HELP YOU SAIL THE SHIP!

BLOW ME DOWN! -SO WILL I! -HOW ABOUT YOU, SEDBURN?

I'M AFRAID YOU... HAVE TO MANAGE WITHOUT ME!



I MUST RETURN TO MY FAMILY AT ONCE--THEY HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ME SINCE MY PLANE CRASHED IN THE JUNGLE MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO--



AFTER LEAVING SEDBURN OFF AT THE NEXT PORT, THE "FLYING DUTCHMAN" SAILS THROUGH UNCHARTED WATERS TOWARD THE HABITAT OF THE ABORIGINES



IS THAT THE ISLAND IN THE DISTANCE?

YES! -I RECOGNIZE THE TWIN CLIFFS NEAR THE SHORE!

URF! URF!

LOOK! BENNIE KNOWS!

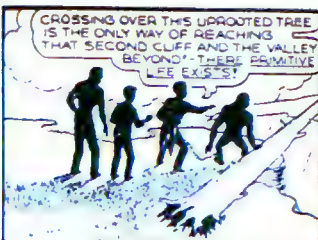


AFTER
ANCHORING
THE SHIP
OUR FRIENDS
PROCEED
TO CLIMB
TO THE
TOP OF
THE FIRST
CLIFF -

I'LL LEAD THE WAY!
WATCH
YOUR
STEP!

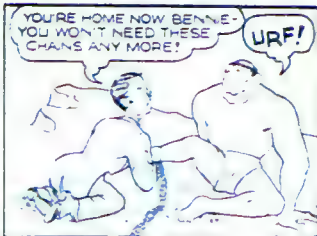


CROSSING OVER THIS UPROOTED TREE
IS THE ONLY WAY OF REACHING
THAT SECOND CLIFF - THE VALLEY
BEYOND - THERE PRIMITIVE
LIFE EXISTS!



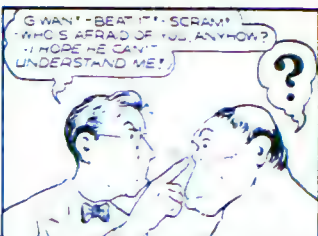
YOU'RE HOME NOW BENNE -
YOU WON'T NEED THESE
CHANS ANY MORE!

URF!



G WAN - BEAT IT - SCRAM!
WHO'S AFRAID OF YOU, ANYHOW?
I HOPE HE CAN
UNDERSTAND ME!

?



WELL - BENNE'S GONE - NOW
FOLLOW ME AND YOU WILL SEE
LIFE AS IT EXISTED THREE
MILLION YEARS
AGO!

BOY! - IT'S A
BIG DROP
DOWN!



WE GO
ACROSS
GRAY -
NOW
WHAT?

WE WALK
DOWN
INTO
THE
VALLEY -

YOU
FELLOWS
ARE TOO SLOW
I'M GOING
TO SEE
WHAT'S DOWN
THERE!



JERRY SOON
LEAVES THE
SCIENTIST
AND SOCKO
FAR BEHIND.
SUDDENLY
HE COMES
FACE TO
FACE WITH
TWO
DE-MEN.

OH!
OH!

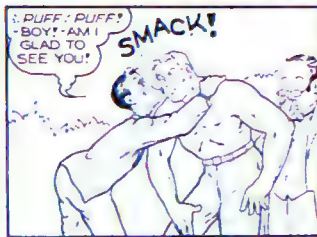
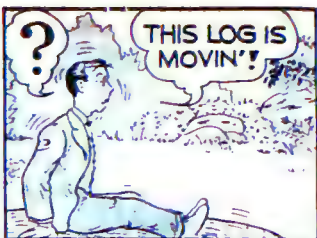
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URF!

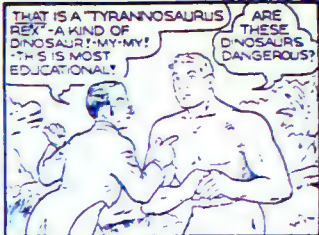
SCREAM!

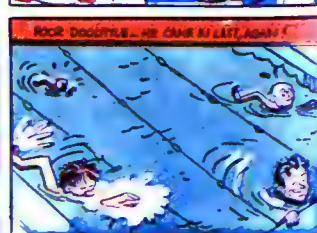
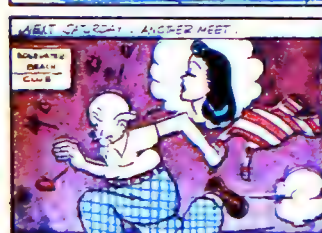
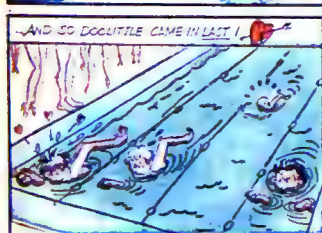
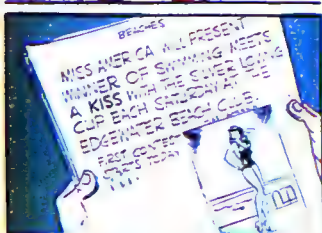
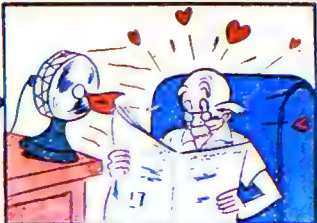


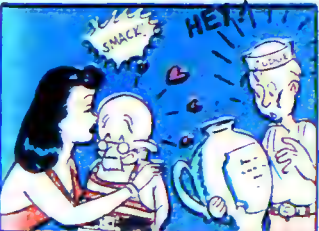
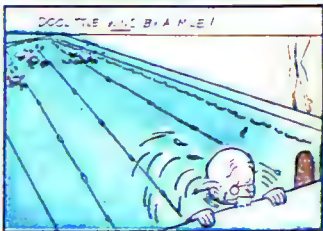
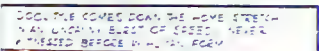
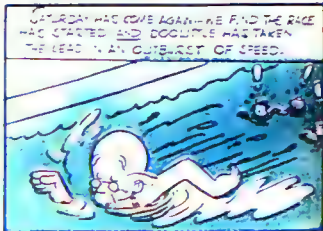
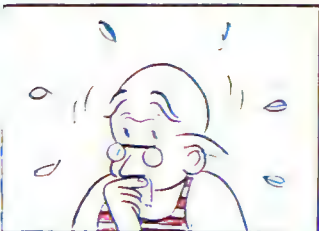
FEET -
GET GOIN'!











Captain DESMO

by Tim.

DESMO GABBY AND A SMALL BAND OF SOLDIERS, AFTER GAINING MASSACRES IN THE INTERIOR, ESCAPED AFTER A FIERCE ENCOUNTER WITH AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THUGS—AFTER REPORTING THE INCIDENT TO COL. WALLISTER, GABBY AND STASU, SLIPPED OFF TO WITNESS A THUG CEREMONY.

GEE HOW FAR IS THIS PLACE?
I BET WE'VE COVERED A
THOUSAND MILES ALREADY.

WE ARE
NEARLY THERE
SAY B.

PRAY BE ALLAH—AN
NO DELAND'S SER-
VANT—A WORTHY WIFE
FOR THE ALL POWERFUL
ABDUL HASSAN.

PRAY TAKE ARMS FAR ABOVE THE
UGLY HEADS OF THOU SHALL
FEEL THE WRATH OF THESE
GUNS.

TOSS THE AF DEL DOG
TO THE COBRA PIT
THAT THEY MAY ENJOY
HIS COMPANY.

IF THERE IS ANY ONE ESCAPE
GOOD SAY BRING HIM SH.

AYE!—SA
WIDE GESTURE
OH MY NOBLE
MASTER.

THAT NIGHT STASU MAKES HIS EFFORTLESS ESCAPE
AND HEADS FOR THE BRITISH OUT-POST.

AFTER MANY NOT AND NEAR SOME CURS ON THE DESERT "ASHU" NALLY RECHES THE POST-RE HE IS HIT BY "DE SAHO" AND "MA ALISTER"

WHAT'S HAPPENED...? YOU'RE ALONE! SPEAK UP-WHERE'S GABBY...?



OH SAHIB! GABBY IN GREAT TROUBLE! EVIL ONES TAKES HIM! STASHU VERY AFRAID!!

COLONEL I MUST ATTEND TO THIS! STASHU AND I WILL GO ALONE... IF WE ARE NOT BACK WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS... SEND HELP



"STASHU ARE YOU READY?"

"STASHU READY SAHIB."



GABBY'S THROAT WAS A.P. THE NOSE OF HIS ARM WAS TURNING THE THE PLANTING A UP-THING NALLY AT THE OF A COBRA OF INDIA VOICE WAS HIS LAST CASAPTRONAL



"MY MIGHTY GUN! I OVERLOOKED THE GUN! IT'S HERE! COMES IN HERE!"

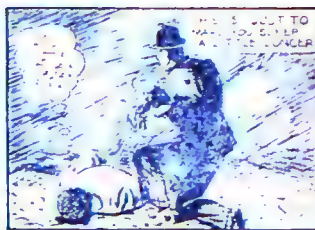
BANG! BANG!



"THE GUN IS READY WHAT COME NEXT?"



"READY GABBY... THE GUN IS GOING..."



"HE'S GOING TO... YOU SLEEP... A LITTLE LONGER..."

MEANWHILE
STASHU AND
DESMO
BIGHT THE
FORTRESS
TO VERS-
-DE OUT
OF THE
THUGS

WE COULD DO BETTER
WITHOUT "THOSE TWO
GUARDS"



SIMULTANEOUSLY THEY DISPOSE OF THE GUARDS



SHHH - BE
VERY QUIET -
NOW STASHU

OH YES -
STASHU WILL
BE VERY
CAREFUL



YEAST! CAREFUL AS
A CLUMPSY OF 11 -
YES YOU'VE
SURE DONE
- NOW



WHAT
WAS
THAT ???

THE NOISE OF THE CRASHING VASE
ATTRACTS THE THUGS



SA - SA -
WHAT WE
DO NOW?

FOLLOW ME
AND WE'LL
SEE WHAT
HAPPENS



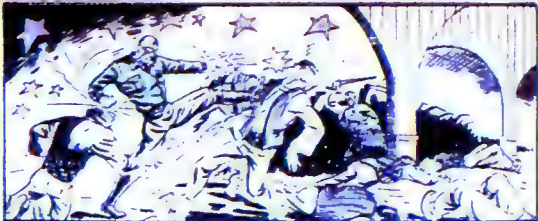
THERE GO THE
NOSE VALERS.
GET THE
REFUSED DOGS!



SOK

DESMO DISPOSES OF THE FIRST
AOSA LANT TO REACH HIM

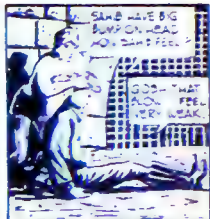
AGAINST THE
OVERWHELMING
ODDS DESMO
BATTLES
WITH THE
FURY OF
A WOUNDED
TIGER



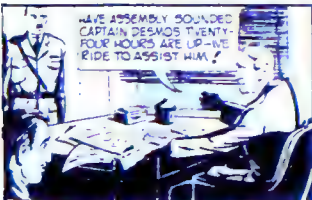
SUDDENLY
A UNWARY
SABU STOPS
DESMO'S
GALLANT
FIGHT



STARS AND
DESMO
ARE TOSSED
INTO A
DUNGEON
TO AWAIT
A FATE
WORSE
THAN DEATH



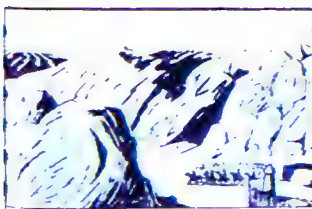
WE HAVE ASSEMBLY SOUNDED
CAPTAIN DESMO TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS ARE UP-WE
RIDE TO ASSIST HIM



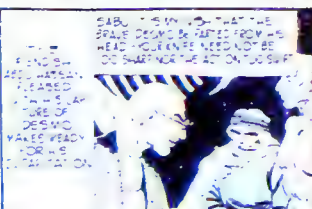
MEANWHILE AT THE OUT-POST



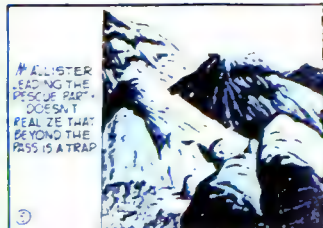
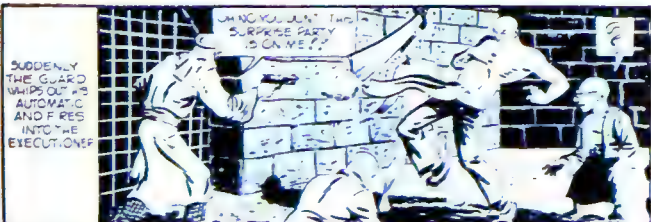
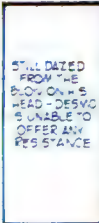
ASSEMBLY IS SOUNDED



A COLUMN OF TROOPS LEAVES THE OUT-POST



SABU IS SHOWN THAT THE
BRAVE DESMO IS TAKEN FROM HIS
HEAD - YOUR KNIFE NEED NOT BE
SHARPENED FOR THE ACT ON TWO SHARP



STASHU
REALIZING
"HAT THE
SOLDIERS MUST"
BE WARNED
COMES TO THE
TOWER TOP
AND SOUNDS
THE BUGLE.



THE SOLDIERS
MISTAKING THE
ECHOING
CALL OF THE
BUGLE—ACCEPT
IT AS AN
OFFICIAL
COMMAND
AND CHARGE



THE CHARGE SURPRESSES THE WAITING
BUT UNPREPARED THUGS --AND
THE BATTLE IS ON.



COMPLETELY OUTCLASSED THE THUGS SURRENDER

STASHU
HOPES
BLASTED
EVER
AND
VOICED
COLONEL



ONCE AGAIN CAPTAIN DESMO
YOUR COOPERATION HAS
BROUGHT US SUCCESS



GIVING YOU BACK THE
HORN OFFICIALLY MAKES
YOU A BUGLE OF THE
MAJESTY'S REGIMENT

ON "BANK"
STASHU LEFT "HAPPY"

QUEST IN INDIA

By
Terry Keane

SYNOPSIS: Professor Watkins, Kenneth Stone, traveler and explorer, and Ted Collins, former star athlete in college, are in northwest India high in the desolate Hindu Kush Mountains in search of the Holy Temple of the once powerful Lasba Tribe. High on a mountain trail as day comes to a close, the small caravan pitches camp for the night's rest. During the night Ted Collins is suddenly awakened by a sound near the professor's tent. This is followed by a scream of anguish coming from the sleeping quarters of the natives. The professor and Stone, together with Collins investigate the disturbance and find one of the native guides stabbed to death. Ali Masb, the head guide, who happens to be a Lasba, points out to the white men that the knife used by the murderer has the image of the two-headed serpent on the handle. This denotes a sign of power as possessed by the holy men of the Lasba Tribe, the head guide informs them, and suggests that they discontinue their search for the Holy Temple before any further harm befalls the members of the party. More than ever, however, the three are determined to carry out their search.

THE bright morning sun rose above the jagged peaks of the Hindu Kush mountains but its glowing brilliance failed to dispel the cloak of mystery that enveloped the small caravan. Glum and nervous were the natives as they went about their tasks of loading the pack-animals in preparation for the steep descent down the mountain-side.

The three white men gathered together their belongings, all silent and thoughtful and apparently endeavoring to solve, in their own minds, the shocking crime of the previous night.

"I can't understand it," said Professor Watkins. "There was no warning sign nor any evidence whatsoever that we were being watched by hostile persons. And why did they select a native as their victim? Why not one of us?"

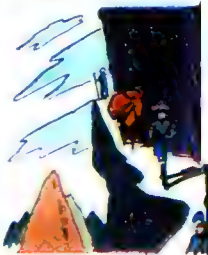
"The unfortunate native's death was purposely designed as a 'Stop, Look and Listen' sign for the rest of us," replied Stone lighting his briar. "Ali Masb told us that last night when he saw the two-headed figure of the serpent on the handle of the knife."

"That's right, it was Ali Masb who informed us of the significance of the native's death," said Ted Collins half to himself.

Stone shouted orders to the natives to start moving. The huge valley, ten or twelve miles long and half as wide, stretched before the caravan to the north. Little or no vegetation grew in this desolate area and all the eye could see were tremendous formations of rocks and the uneven surface of the hard earth.

Down the side of the steep mountain went the party, at times skirting the edge of cliffs

that dropped hundreds of feet to the boulder-covered floor of the valley. It was past noon before they finally found themselves on level ground. The descent had been difficult and nerve-straining and Stone called a halt to rest for fifteen or twenty minutes.



"Barren looking place, isn't it?" remarked Ted, wiping moisture from his brow. "Do you think we'll find the temple, Professor?"

"Unless my maps and calculations are entirely wrong and unless the whole story of the temple is a myth, it should be somewhere in this neighborhood," answered the professor. "Perhaps Ali Masb might recall in what direction; he told us he remembered seeing the Holy Temple when he was a child."

They called to the head guide but he did not reply, nor did they find him when they looked for him. None of the other natives had seen him leave, he had vanished completely from the camp.





Something very strange about it," said Stone.

"I had the same idea in mind myself," remarked Collins. "Do you think he might have had something to do with that incident last night?"

"Perhaps he did or didn't," answered Stone. "But in any event, I certainly don't like the look of him."

Without their head guide, the members of the small party took themselves at a decided loss. None of them had ever been in any particular section of India. That at best was starkly deadening and unnerving. However, they made up their minds to press ahead and once again the group of men and animals moved like a flock of sheep toward the north.

The sun was slipping behind the mountain peaks to the west when Stone rounded a turn in the valley and brought his group up sharply. For directly ahead of him stood a gleaming wall of a yellowish hue. The wall was covered with intricate and delicately designed patterns. The top of the wall rose gently upward toward the center, and at the very top of the edifice the heads of two serpents were lifted aloft and defiantly. Professor Watkins was breath-

less with excitement. "At last we've found it! The Holy Temple of the Lasbas!"

The natives were profoundly affected by the sight of the temple, for they fell back a step or two and whispered anxiously among themselves. The professor urged his burro forward and Stone and Collins followed in his tracks. As quickly as possible the chubby professor dismounted and raced up the steps of the building. He touched one of the pillars that formed part of the main entrance and cried out: "It's gold, gentlemen! Solid gold... think of it, pure solid gold!"

At that very moment a silver object whistled through the air from out of the dark temple door and struck the professor in the shoulder. The plump man shrieked with anguish, and soon Ted and Stone saw the handle of a knife protruding from their companion's body.

With drawn revolvers they rushed up the steps. Stone caught the professor as he slumped backward. Ted raced into the entrance of the temple and found himself in a large room, at the far end of which was an altar and a throne.

The figure of a man, clothed in a white garment, stood on the raised platform in front of the altar and pointed a finger at the advancing Collins.

"Ali Masb!" said Ted. "So you are the one, eh?"

The head guide apparently disregarded the remark but cried out in a loud voice: "Stop, infidel! Those who dare defy the gods of the Lasbas and desecrate their temple will meet a just and deserving death! Therefore you and your friends shall perish!"

"That's what you think, fellow!" shouted Ted and leaped forward. Ali Masb laughed menacingly at him and a pained cry was opened down back of the altar. The door slammed shut as Ted reached it. Try as he did he was unable to budge it and he returned to Stone and the professor on the steps of the temple.

"The professor'll be all right," said Stone. "The knife hit too high to be fatal and gave him just an ugly flesh wound."

"Ali Masb is in there," Ted said, pointing with his thumb toward the dark entrance of the temple. "He's the man responsible for all this. He's probably a fanatic of some sort."

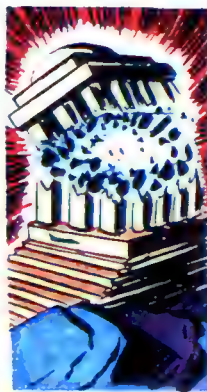
They carried the professor down the steps and back from the temple. They about reached the rest of the caravan when a deep, rumbling sound brought them to a sudden halt.

They turned and their eyes were treated to an awesome spectacle. The whole temple seemed to quiver violently for a second or two. And then with a deafening roar the walls suddenly buckled outward... fire and smoke burst forth from newly made openings... and the earth itself rumbled fearfully as the entire structure collapsed amid purple smoke and flame.

"There's the end of the Holy Temple!" cried Stone. "Ali Masb must have had the whole building lined with dynamite for just such an emergency. True to the Lasba religion, he was determined that no outsider should ever desecrate it and so he destroyed the temple and himself with it. He was probably the lone guardian of the temple and as such he preferred to perish when he was no longer able to keep it a secret from the outside world."

Ted noted the approval of the expedition and he imagined that somewhere in stone form Ali Masb still labored desperately at their fearful attempts to pierce the secrets of the ancient Lasbas.

THE END



ANCHORS AWEIGH!

by BART TUNEY

THE U.S. FLEET HAS RECEIVED ORDERS TO PROCEED TO MARE ISLAND AT FULL SPEED..... DON AND RED HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO THE BRIDGE.

WONDER WHAT THE CAPTAIN WANTS...

IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ORDERS WE HAVE TO TURN BACK TO MARE ISLAND!

RED! LOOK TO LARBOARD!
A TORPEDO!

A HUNDRED YARDS DISTANT A TORPEDO RACES STRAIGHT FOR THE SHIP!

TORPEDO ON THE LARBOARD SIDE!

BOOM!

RED, ARE YOU HURT?

NO... BUT THERE GOES OUR SHIP!

SOMEBODY WILL
PAY FOR THIS!
THIS IS WAR!

AND WE DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHO THE
ENEMY IS!



TOO BAD WE
DIDN'T GET TO
SEE THE
CAPTAIN

OUR SHIP WENT DOWN WITH
ALL HANDS... WE'LL BE
LUCKY IF WE'RE PICKED
UP BEFORE MORNING.



THE FOSSY DAWN BRINGS
THE CHEER TO THE
L.V. MEN.

BRRR!



WE'VE DRIFTED MILES
FROM WHERE THE
SHIP SANK...
DARN THIS FOG!

RED! DID YOU
HEAR THAT?
SOUNDED LIKE
AN ENGINE!



YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S
A MOTOR OF SOME
KIND!



SLOWLY THE NOISE BECOMES LOUDER....

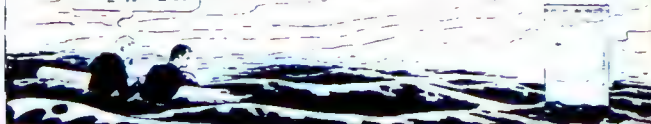
IT'S LIKE A... A... A... A...
DESEL OR... IT'S JAPANESE!
ENGINE..

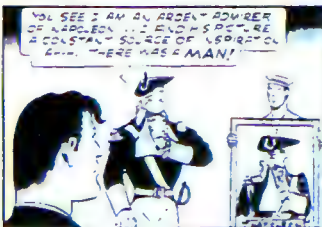
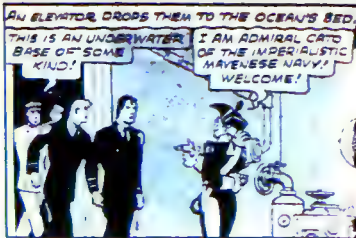


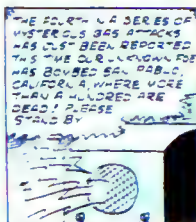
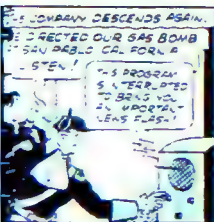
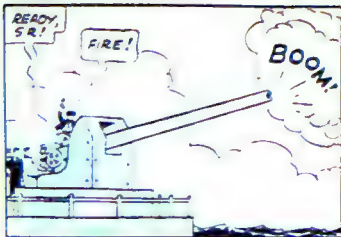
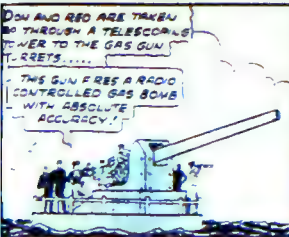
A STRANGE TOWER BECOMES
VISIBLE AS THE FOG LIFTS.

LOOK! THAT TOWER
COMES RIGHT OUT OF
THE WATER!

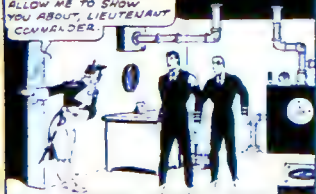
DESK!
AMERICANS!



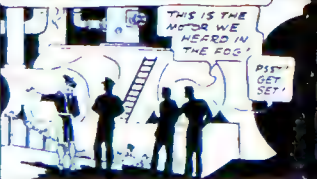




SINCE YOU HAVE PAID US SO GREAT A COMPLIMENT, ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU ABOUT, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.



THESE TANKS CONTAIN COMPRESSED OXYGEN, SUCKED DOWN BY THE BREATHING AIDS. ONE OF THE PRES IS IN OPERATION NOW.



THIS IS THE MOTOR WE HEARD IN THE FOG!

PLEASE GET SET!

DON SNATCHES AN ALTERNATOR FROM THE GUARD



DON'T MILE ANYBODY'S RED LOCK THAT DOOR BEHIND US!

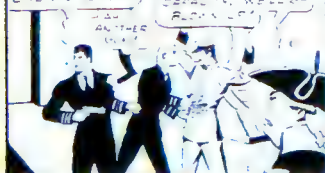
FOOLS!

NOW THEN! YOU WORKMEN OPEN THOSE MACHINES WIDE OPEN! FILL UP THOSE COMPRESSED AIR TANKS!



BUT WE WERE JUST GOING TO CLOSE THEM! THEY'RE FULL!

DO AS YOU'RE TOLD! AND DON'T TRY TO GIVE AN ALARM!



YOU FOOLS! THESE TANKS HAVE REATHER THEIR CAPACITY! WE'LL BE FLOODING!

ANOTHER!

IT'LL BE WORTH IT! CATO TO WIRE THIS BASE TO YOUR FLEET! YOU ARE VERY BRILLIANT, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER!



CATO SPRINGS



UGH!

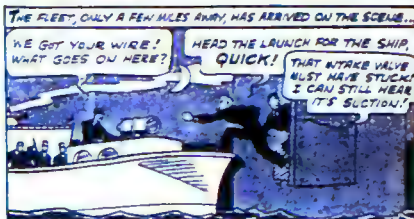
THE PRESSURE NEEDLE'S OVER THE DANGER POINT, DON!



PLEASE, LET US GO! THERE'S ANOTHER WAY!

THIS DOOR LEADS TO THE WIRELESS ROOM! COMMAND THE OPERATOR TO WIRE OUR LOCATION TO YOUR FLEET!





Skip Chrysler.

by
Tom Hickey.



THE STEAMSHIP OCCIDENTAL WITH SKIP CHRYSLER ABOARD, CRUISES SLOWLY INTO A PORT IN THE ORIENT.



THE ORIENT - ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PORTS IN THE WORLD AND NOW LOOK AT IT - AND TODAY 12 PEOPLE ENTERING A VERY HOT SPOT. AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR A LONG TIME.



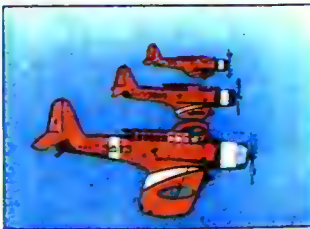
I'LL STOP OFF AT THE CAFE, CLUB AND FRESHEN UP.

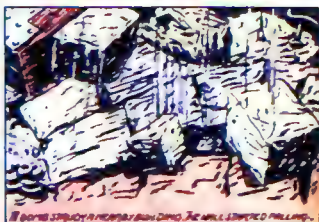


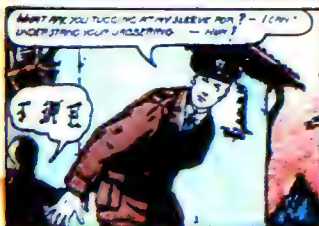
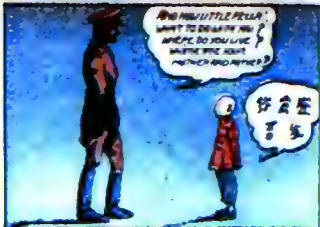
OVERHEAD A FANTASTIC CREW LOADER AND LOADER.



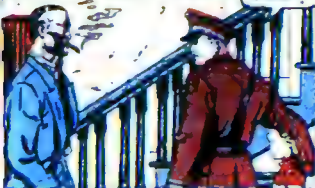
NOW I GET IT!
INVADED
BOMBERS!







THIS LITTLE FELLA EVIDENTLY GOT LOST DURING THE AIR RAID.
HE SEEMED TO KNOW THE HOUSE, BUT YOU ACCIDENTED
WITH HIM?



NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE — NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND — I DON'T
CARE TO HAVE STRANGERS BRAGGING IN MY PLACE.



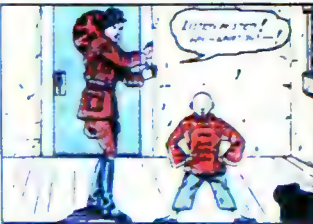
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT — COME ON TELLER, HE SEEMED TO
KNOW — THE BUMS PUSH, GET IT?



BUT SUDDENLY THE CHILD WANTED TO GO, POINTED HIS
FINGER AT THE MAN AND SAID IN AN ANGRY TONE
OF VOICE:



SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE. THIS MAN KNOWS THE HOUSE, BUT
IF I COULD GET BY HIM I'M SURE I WOULD FIND SOMEONE WHO
KNOWS HERE. HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T WANT ME BRAGGING IN HIS PLACE.

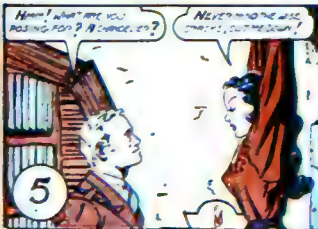
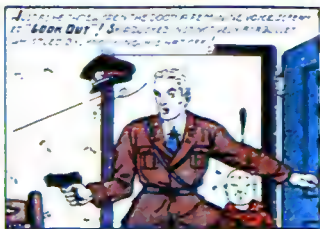
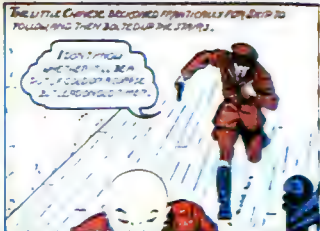


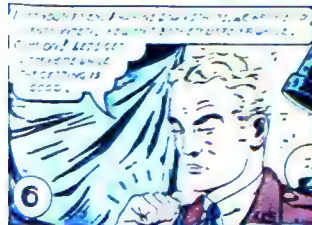
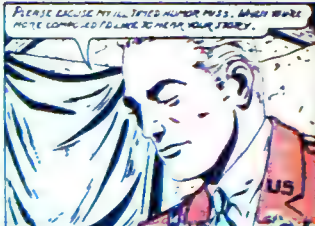
I TOLD YOU ONCE TO
GET OUT! —
THE TIME I MEAN
GUINNESS — GET
OUT NOW OR
I'LL BE
KICKED OUT!

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I'M NOT USED TO SUCH POOR HOSPITAL TREATMENT — AND
DON'T HAVE A GUN AT MY BELT!







RUSTY

AND HIS PALS

By -

SYNOPSIS

IN THE LAST INSTALLMENT THE VILLAINOUS CHEN FU, WHO IS THE CHIEF OF THE EAST OPIUM RING, HAD SENT HIS MEN TO KIDNAP RUSTY. AS HE WALKS THROUGH THE STREETS THE BOY IS TRAILED BY CHEN FUS MEN..

WAIT UNTIL HE TURNS THE CORNER, QUICKLY USE THE GAG AND THEN TO THE CAR.

- AS RUSTY TURNS THE CORNER -

A SLEEK CAR DRAWS UP

HURRY!

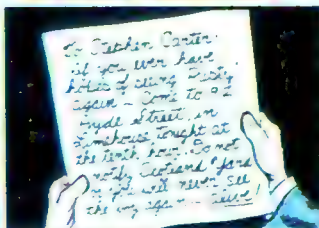
THE CAR QUICKLY DASHES AWAY AND SOMETIME LATER COMES TO A STOP IN FRONT OF A DARK, SEEMINGLY DESERTED HOUSE

RUSTY IS TAKEN INTO THE HOUSE

HERE'S THE BOY ON WISE ONE!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL. REMOVE THE GAG FROM HIS MOUTH

SAY WHAT'S THE DEE SLANT EYES WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?



TEN O'CLOCK THAT NIGHT...



THE BELL RINGS. THERE IS A SLITHERING SHUFFLE OF SLIPPERS FEET... THE DOOR SQUEAKS, THEN OPENS, AND A SNISTER FACED CHINA-MAN PEERS OUT, AND SOFTLY WHISPERS:

COME IN, MR CARTER. WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.



THE MAN GUIDES HIM THROUGH A LONG DARK HALLWAY... COMES TO A ROOM... OPENS THE DOOR AND REVEALS THE SEATED FIGURE OF 'CHEN FU'..

DO COME IN MR CARTER. I AM IMPATIENT TO SEE YOU.

DON'T WASTE TIME MISTER. I CAME FOR THE KID.



FIRST LISTEN TO THIS, HUMBLE ONE, MR CARTER. I AM CHEN FU, HEAD OF A WEST OPIUM SMUGGLING RING. YOU AND RUSTY HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF MANY OF MY MEN. YOU SHALL PAY. HEH HEH YOU SHALL PAY.



SUDDENLY STEVE LEAPS AND CLUTCHES CHEN FU BY THE THROAT.

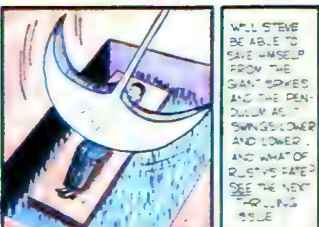
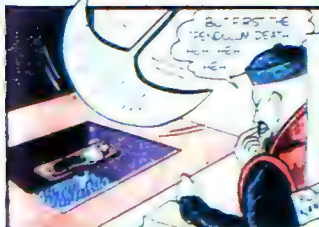
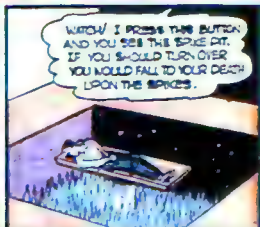
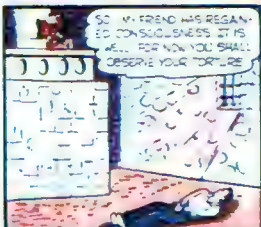
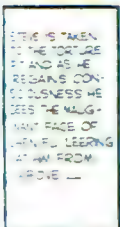


A MAN DARTS FORWARD AT STEVE.



SOMEWHERE FAR OFF, THE CRY OF RUSTY IS HEARD FANTLY, AS HE ANSWERS STEVE'S CALL.





COTTON CARVER

IN THE PIT OF DAGAN



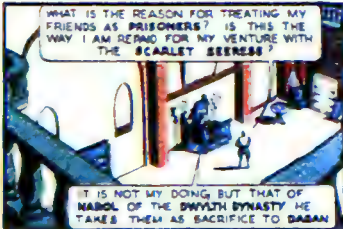
ON HIS JOURNEY
THEY TRAIL TO THE
UPPER SURFACE OF
THE EARTH, COTTON
CARVER HAS AIDED
ELARA, PRINCESS OF
THULE, HAVING LEFT
HIS FRIENDS, VOLAR AND
KOTHE IN HER HANDS
FOR SAFETY.

AFTER A LONG SLEEP IN THE PALACE
AT THULE —



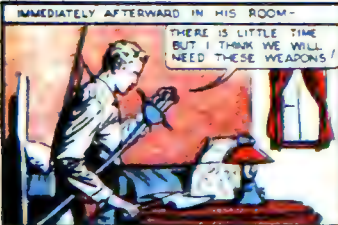
KOTHE -- AND
VOLAR -- IN RAGE!
AND CHAINS ON
THEIR WRISTS!
I MUST SEE
ELARA --

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR TREATING MY
FRIENDS AS PRISONERS? IS THIS THE
WAY I AM REPAID FOR MY VENTURE WITH
THE SCARLET SEERESS?



IT IS NOT MY DOING, BUT THAT OF
NABOL OF THE DWYLYTH DYNASTY HE
TAKES THEM AS SACRIFICE TO DAGAN

IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD IN HIS ROOM --



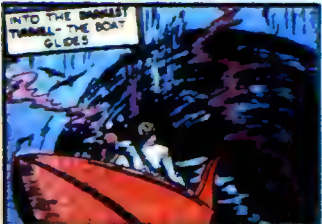
THERE IS LITTLE TIME
BUT I THINK WE WILL
NEED THESE WEAPONS!

ELARA GOES TO SHOW COTTON THE
SWIFTEST PATH TO THE GOLDEN GOD,
DAGAN

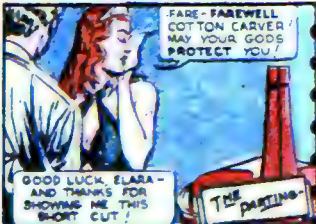


SOON, NOW, WE TURN
FROM THE MAIN STREAM

INTO THE DARKEST
TUNNEL -- THE BOAT
GLIDES



FARE-FAREWELL
COTTON CARVER!
MAY YOUR GODS
PROTECT YOU!



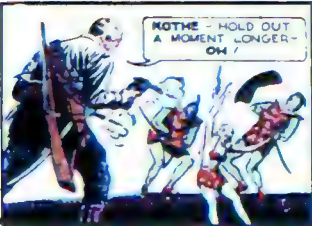
GOOD LUCK, ELARA --
AND THANKS FOR
SHOWING ME THIS
SHORT CUT!

THE PARTING

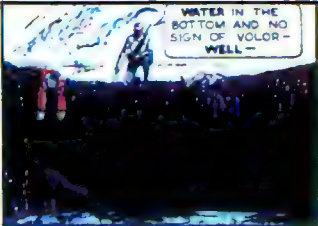
BY FAST RUNNING COTTON
ARRIVES IN TIME TO BEHOLD-



KOTHE - HOLD OUT
A MOMENT LONGER -
OH!



WATER IN THE
BOTTOM AND NO
SIGN OF VOLOR -
WELL -



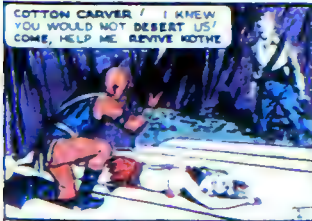
COTTON IS DETERMINED TO DO ALL HE CAN
FOR HIS FRIENDS, AND DIVES -



A SWIFT CURRENT
WHERE IS IT
BEARING ME?



COTTON CARVER / I KNEW
YOU WOULD NOT DESERT US!
COME, HELP ME REVIVE KOTHE



YOU HAVE
COME AT
LAST MAY
THE GODS
BE THANKED



HERE ARE WEAPONS WE MUST
BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.



STRANGE - SOME
FORCE IS PULLING
ME ON! I CANNOT
TURN AROUND!

I ALSO FEEL
THIS FORCE,
COTTON
CARVER.

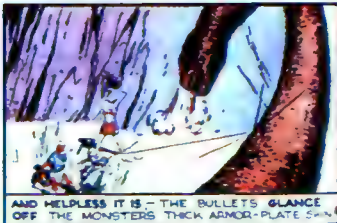


SOMEHOW I EXPECTED
THAT TERRORS WOULD
AWAIT US

LOOK!
LOOK!



YE GODS - AN ANCIENT DINOSAUR
ALIVE! AGAINST HIS THICK
PLATE EVEN MY GUN IS HELPLESS -

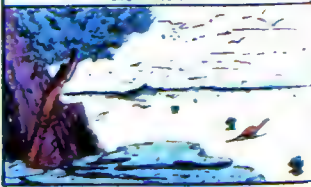


AND HELPLESS IT IS - THE BULLETS GLANCE
OFF THE MONSTER'S THICK ARMOR-PLATE SKIN

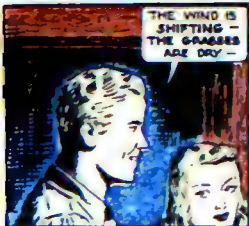
HERE AT LEAST
WE ARE SAFE
WE CANNOT GO
BACK - BUT THAT
THING CAN'T
GET IN!



AS IF KNOWING HIS VICTIMS ARE HELPLESS
THE DINOSAUR RETREATS TO A LITTLE
DISTANCE



THE WIND IS
SHIFTING -
THE GRASSES
ARE DRY -



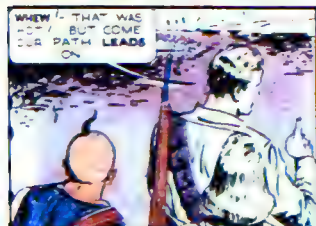
AFTER SPREADING GUNPOWDER AROUND, COTTON
FIRES THE DRY GRASSES.



THE MIGHTY THUNDERINGS OF THE
BURNING DINOSAUR SHAKE THE GROUND.



WHEN I - THAT WAS
NOT - BUT COME
OUR PATH LEADS
ON

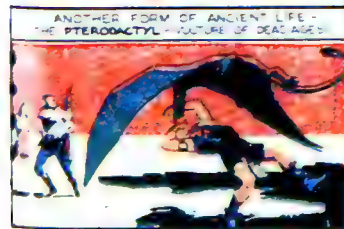


THE CHARNEL
HOLE OF THE
LOWER REGIONS

LOOK OUT
YOUR A
PTERODACTYL



ANOTHER FORM OF ANCIENT LIFE -
THE PTERODACTYL - VULTURE OF DEAGAGES



MY THANKS
COTTON CARVER!

TO THINK THAT SUCH
LIFE ON EARTH HAS
BEEN DEAD FOR
EONS - AND IT STILL
LIVES HERE!



LOOK - THE EXIT FROM
THIS PLAIN. #OAHMOO!



I GUESS IT'S UP -
THIS DOOR
HAS NO LOCK
OR HINGE. I
CAN'T OPEN
IT



THE END OF THE HALL

BUT OF ITSELF THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN

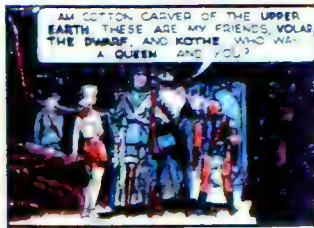
WHAT
THE - !



WHO -
WHO ARE
YOU?



AM COTTON CARVER OF THE UPPER
EARTH. THESE ARE MY FRIENDS, VOLAR
THE DWARF, AND KOTHE WHO WAS
A QUEEN AND YOU?



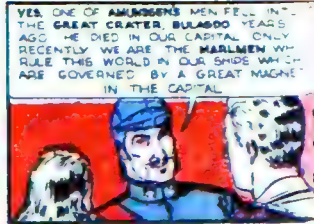
THEY ALL WALK THROUGH THE DOORWAY
TO A PAVED LANDING PLACE -

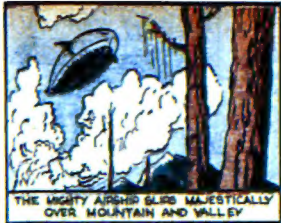
COME ABOARD OUR MAJE-
STY SHIP. I SHALL TAKE YOU TO
KING MARL. HE WILL BE GLAD TO
SEE ONE FROM EARTH.



YOU KNOW OF
THE EARTH
PEOPLE?

YES, ONE OF AMUNDSEN'S MEN FELL IN -
THE GREAT CRATER, EULASOO YEARS
AGO. HE DIED IN OUR CAPITAL ONLY
RECENTLY WE ARE THE MARLMEN WHO
RULE THIS WORLD IN OUR SHIP WHICH
ARE GOVERNED BY A GREAT MAGNE-
IN THE CAPITAL





THE MIGHTY AIRSHIP GLIDES MAJESTICALLY OVER MOUNTAIN AND VALLEY



SEE - THERE LIES MARLA, CAPITAL OF MARLANDA.

BEFORE COTTON'S ENRaptured EYES RISES THE GREAT CITY



CAPTAIN KANDUL REPORTING WITH STRANGERS FROM OTHER LANDS.



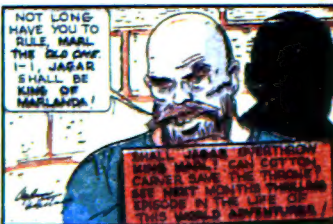
IT PLEASES ME TO AID YOU. TELL ME OF YOURSELF AND HOW YOU ENTERED MARLANDA



FAR INTO THE NIGHT COTTON AMAZES KING MARL WITH HIS TALE -

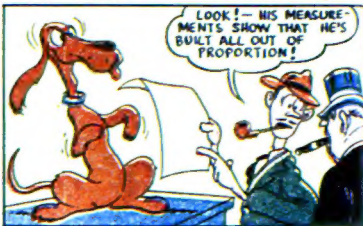
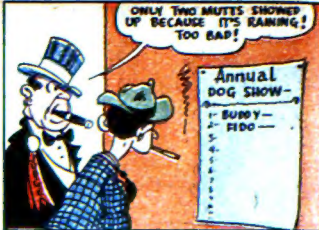


THE STRANGER IMPRESSES MARL. IT IS TIME TO STRIKE, I TELL YOU JAGAR!



NOT LONG HAVE YOU TO RULE, MARL THE OLD ONE. I-I, JAGAR SHALL BE KING OF MARLANDA!

SHALL JAGAR OVERTHROW KING MARL? CAN COTTON CARVER SAVE THE THRONE? SEE NEXT MONTH'S THRILLING EPISODE IN THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD ADVENTURER!



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